



2012 Senior Executive Service Report



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This document provides a brief summary of federal employees in Senior Executive Service.

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Purpose

This document presents an overview of the characteristics of the Senior Executive Service (SES), providing the public and analysts access to commonly requested descriptive information.

This document presents basic data, in the form of tables and charts, on the current and historical composition of the Senior Executive Service (SES).

Data

Table 1, Senior Executive Service (SES) Appointments, provides counts and percentages of SES employees broken down by type of appointment for Fiscal Year 2012. Over 89% of SES employees are career.

Table 1. Senior Executive Service (SES) AppointmentsStatistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Year 2012 (FY2012)

APPOINTMENT	COUNT	PERCENT
UNSPECIFIED	10	0.12
CAREER (SES PERMANENT)	7,199	89.94
NONCAREER (SES PERMANENT)	675	8.43
LIMITED TERM (SES NON-PERMANENT)	117	1.46
LIMITED EMERGENCY (SES NON-PERMANENT)	3	0.04
ALL	8,004	100.00

Table 2, Senior Executive Service (SES) Appointment Trends, provides counts of SES employees for the last five Fiscal Years broken down by type of appointment.

Table 2. Senior Executive Service (SES) Appointment Trends
Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012 (FY2008-FY2012)

APPOINTMENT	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
UNSPECIFIED	115	100	89	96	10
CAREER (SES PERMANENT)	6,853	6,968	6,999	7,126	7,199
NONCAREER (SES PERMANENT)	631	501	672	669	675
LIMITED TERM (SES NON-PERMANENT)	132	137	144	126	117
LIMITED EMERGENCY (SES NON-PERMANENT)	5	6	1	5	3
ALL	7,736	7,712	7,905	8,022	8,004

Figure 1, Senior Executive Service (SES) Appointment Trends, is a graphical representation of the totals in Table 2.

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Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012 (FY2008-FY2012)

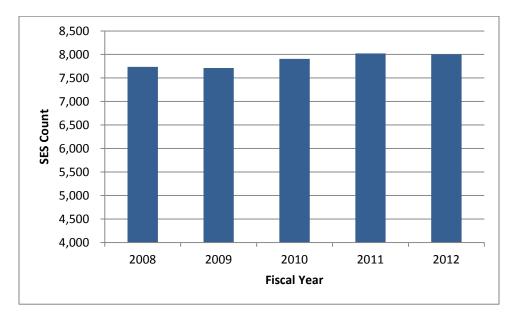


Table 3, Senior Executive Service (SES) Agency, provides counts and percentages of SES employees by agency for all the Cabinet level agencies in Fiscal Year 2012. The table also has a category, "ALL OTHER AGENCIES" which contains all non-Cabinet level agencies. The Cabinet level agencies contain over three quarters of the SES employees.

Table 3. Senior Executive Service (SES) AgencyStatistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Year 2012 (FY2012)

AGENCY	COUNT	PERCENT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	78	0.97
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	104	1.30
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	177	2.21
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE	181	2.26
DEPARTMENT OF STATE	189	2.36
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	231	2.89
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY	266	3.32
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR	270	3.37
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY	318	3.97
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	344	4.30
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	372	4.65
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	387	4.84
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	460	5.75
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	471	5.88
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	478	5.97
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY	493	6.16
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY	614	7.67
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	749	9.36
ALL OTHER AGENCIES	1,822	22.76
ALL	8,004	100.00

Table 4, Senior Executive Service (SES) Agency Trends, provides counts of SES employees broken down by agency for all the Cabinet level agencies for the last five fiscal years. The table also has a category, "ALL OTHER AGENCIES" which contains all non-Cabinet level agencies.

Table 4. Senior Executive Service (SES) Agency Trends

Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012 (FY2008-FY2012)

AGENCY	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	90	79	79	88	78
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	107	99	112	105	104
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	187	180	171	166	177
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE	161	164	195	190	181
DEPARTMENT OF STATE	168	151	173	184	189
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	219	210	214	213	231
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY	271	276	284	288	266
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR	261	265	267	274	270
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY	335	326	350	331	318
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	345	347	364	350	344
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	373	383	372	371	372
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	318	323	338	373	387
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	428	416	454	439	460
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	487	468	454	453	471
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	509	502	514	504	478
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY	440	466	466	484	493
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY	491	503	513	579	614
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	727	747	750	762	749
ALL OTHER AGENCIES	1,819	1,807	1,835	1,868	1,822
ALL	7,736	7,712	7,905	8,022	8,004

Table 5, Senior Executive Service (SES) Age Trends, lists the age distribution of SES employees for the last five fiscal years. In addition to the average, the quartiles are listed in order. For Fiscal Year 2012(FY2012), at the 25th percentile, 25% of SES employees are younger than 49.3; 75% of SES employees are older than 49.3. The interpretation is the same for the median, which is simply the 50th percentile; 50% of SES employees are younger than 54.3 while 50% of SES employees are older than 54.3 for FY2012. For FY2012 the 75th percentile is 59.3; 75% of SES employees are younger than 59.3, while 25% of SES employees are older than 59.3.

Table 5. Senior Executive Service (SES) Age Trends
Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012 (FY2008-FY2012)

FISCAL YEAR	AVERAGE AGE	25TH PERCENTILE	MEDIAN	75TH PERCENTILE
2008	53.4	48.6	53.8	58.7
2009	53.8	48.9	54.2	59.0
2010	54.0	49.0	54.3	59.2
2011	54.1	49.1	54.3	59.2
2012	54.2	49.3	54.3	59.3

Figure 2, Senior Executive Service (SES) Age Trends, is a graphical representation of Table 5. Figure 2 shows that the age statistics have been slowly increasing over the last five fiscal years.

Figure 2. Senior Executive Service (SES) Age Trends
Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012 (FY2008-FY2012)

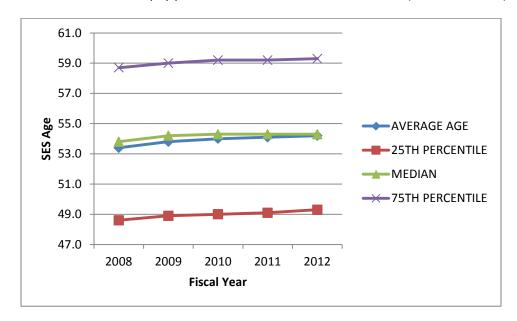


Table 6, Senior Executive Service (SES) Gender, provides counts and percentages of SES employees broken down by gender for Fiscal Year 2012. Over 66% of SES employees are male.

Table 6. Senior Executive Service (SES) Gender

Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Year 2012 (FY2012)

GENDER	COUNT	PERCENT
FEMALE	2,678	33.46
MALE	5,326	66.54
ALL	8,004	100.00

Table 7, Senior Executive Service (SES) Gender Trends, provides counts of SES employees for the last five fiscal years broken down by gender.

Table 7. Senior Executive Service (SES) Gender Trends

Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012 (FY2008-FY2012)

FISCAL YEAR	FEMALE	MALE	ALL
2008	2,243	5,493	7,736
2009	2,373	5,339	7,712
2010	2,480	5,425	7,905
2011	2,593	5,429	8,022
2012	2,678	5,326	8,004

Figure 3, Senior Executive Service (SES) Gender Trends, is a graphical representation of Table 7.

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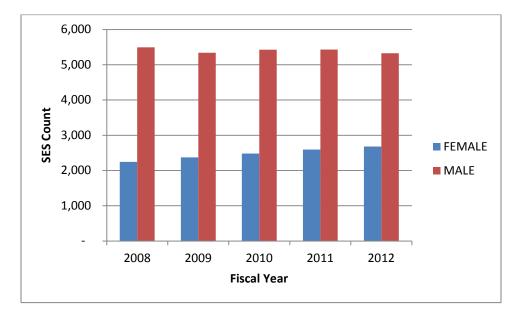


Table 8, Senior Executive Service (SES) Ethnicity and Race, provides counts and percentages of SES employees broken down by ethnicity and race for Fiscal Year 2012.

Table 8. Senior Executive Service (SES) Ethnicity and Race Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Year 2012 (FY2012)

ETHNICITY AND RACE	COUNT	PERCENT
UNSPECIFIED	3	0.04
NOT HISPANIC/LATINO & AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE	91	1.14
NOT HISPANIC/LATINO & ASIAN	251	3.14
NOT HISPANIC/LATINO & BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	829	10.36
NOT HISPANIC/LATINO & NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	12	0.15
NOT HISPANIC/LATINO & WHITE	6,444	80.51
NOT HISPANIC/LATINO & OF MORE THAN ONE RACE	46	0.57
HISPANIC/LATINO	254	3.17
HISPANIC/LATINO & AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE	1	0.01
HISPANIC/LATINO & ASIAN	1	0.01
HISPANIC/LATINO & BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	3	0.04
HISPANIC/LATINO & NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	1	0.01
HISPANIC/LATINO & WHITE	64	0.80
HISPANIC/LATINO & OF MORE THAN ONE RACE	4	0.05
ALL	8,004	100.00

Table 9, Senior Executive Service (SES) Ethnicity and Race Trends, provides counts of SES employees for the last five fiscal years broken down by ethnicity and race.

Table 9. Senior Executive Service (SES) Ethnicity and Race Trends
Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012 (FY2008-FY2012)

ETHNICITY AND RACE	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
UNSPECIFIED	9	22	14	5	3
NOT HISPANIC/LATINO & AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE	88	87	93	90	91
NOT HISPANIC/LATINO & ASIAN	180	210	229	242	251
NOT HISPANIC/LATINO & BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	625	687	752	794	829
NOT HISPANIC/LATINO & NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	3	5	7	10	12
NOT HISPANIC/LATINO & WHITE	6,530	6,386	6,477	6,515	6,444
NOT HISPANIC/LATINO & OF MORE THAN ONE RACE	18	23	32	39	46
HISPANIC/LATINO	255	235	242	261	254
HISPANIC/LATINO & AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE	1	1	1	1	1
HISPANIC/LATINO & ASIAN	ı	1	1	-	1
HISPANIC/LATINO & BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	3	5	3	4	3
HISPANIC/LATINO & NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	1	1	1	1	1
HISPANIC/LATINO & WHITE	22	43	47	56	64
HISPANIC/LATINO & OF MORE THAN ONE RACE	1	6	6	4	4
ALL	7,736	7,712	7,905	8,022	8,004

Table 10, Senior Executive Service (SES) Education, provides counts and percentages of SES employees broken down by education levels for Fiscal Year 2012. The education variable in the OPM databases has over twenty levels. Table 10 shows a common grouping of those levels. It is important to note that education is not an element regularly collected by agencies. Typically, it is recorded at the time of hire and only at the employees' initiative thereafter. As a result, OPM education statistics should be treated as lower bounds on the true educational attainment of the Federal workforce.

Table 10. Senior Executive Service (SES) Education
Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Year 2012 (FY2012)

EDUCATION	COUNT	PERCENT
NO HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE	6	0.07
HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE	277	3.46
SOME COLLEGE	224	2.80
TECHNICAL TRAINING	2	0.02
ASSOCIATES DEGREE	39	0.49
COLLEGE DEGREE	1,895	23.68
ADVANCED DEGREE	5,556	69.42
UNKNOWN OR UNSPECIFIED	5	0.06
ALL	8,004	100.00

Table 11, Senior Executive Service (SES) Education Trends, provides counts of SES employees for the last five fiscal years broken down by education level. Just as Table 10, the education variable in the OPM databases has over twenty levels. Table 11 shows a common grouping of those levels. It is important to note that education is not an element regularly collected by agencies. Typically, it is recorded at the time of hire and only at the employees' initiative thereafter. As a result, OPM education statistics should be treated as lower bounds on the true educational attainment of the Federal workforce

Table 11. Senior Executive Service (SES) Education Trends

Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012 (FY2008-FY2012)

EDUCATION	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
NO HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE	4	3	4	5	6
HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE	300	272	285	288	277
SOME COLLEGE	197	204	216	236	224
TECHNICAL TRAINING	4	4	4	5	2
ASSOCIATES DEGREE	38	39	40	36	39
COLLEGE DEGREE	1,908	1,856	1,946	1,885	1,895
ADVANCED DEGREE	5,269	5,327	5,400	5,561	5,556
UNKNOWN OR UNSPECIFIED	16	7	10	6	5
ALL	7,736	7,712	7,905	8,022	8,004

Table 12, Senior Executive Service (SES) Length of Service (LOS) Trends, lists the LOS distribution of SES employees for the last five fiscal years. An employee's LOS is based on all prior federal service, not just their prior SES. In addition to the average, the quartiles are listed in order. For Fiscal Year 2012(FY2012), at the 25th percentile, 25% of SES employees have served less than 12.9 years; 75% of SES employees have served more than 12.9 years. The interpretation is the same for the median, which is simply the 50th percentile; 50% of SES employees have served less than 23.6 while 50% of SES employees have served more than 23.6 years, for FY2012. For FY2012 the 75th percentile is 30.4; 75% of SES employees have served less than 30.4 years, while 25% of SES employees have served more than 30.4 years.

Table 12. Senior Executive Service (SES) Length of Service (LOS) Trends
Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012 (FY2008-FY2012)

FISCAL YEAR	AVERAGE LOS	25TH PERCENTILE	MEDIAN	75TH PERCENTILE
2008	22.7	15.8	24.3	30.8
2009	22.8	15.5	24.5	31.2
2010	22.3	13.7	24.0	31.2
2011	22.0	13.0	23.8	30.9
2012	22.0	12.9	23.6	30.4

Figure 4, Senior Executive Service (SES) Length of Service (LOS) Trends, is a graphical representation of Table 12. Figure 4 shows that the LOS statistics are relatively stable over the last five fiscal years with the exception of the 25th percentile which shows a decrease.



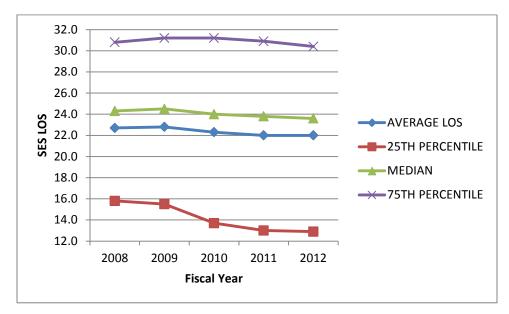


Table 13. Senior Executive Service (SES) Salary Trends, lists the Salary distribution of SES employees for the last five fiscal years. In addition to the average, the quartiles are listed in order. For Fiscal Year 2012 (FY2012), at the 25th percentile, 25% of SES employees earn less than \$160,000 a year; 75% of SES employees earn more than \$160,000 a year. The interpretation is the same for the median, which is simply the 50th percentile; 50% of SES employees earn less than \$165,800 a year, while 50% of SES employees earn more than \$165,800 a year, for FY2012. For FY2012 the 75th percentile is \$175,013; 75% of SES employees earn less than \$175,013 a year, while 25% of SES employees earn more than \$175,013 a year.

Table 13. Senior Executive Service (SES) Salary Trends
Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012 (FY2008-FY2012)

FISCAL YEAR	AVERAGE SALARY		25TH PERCENTILE		MEDIAN	75TH PERCENTILE	
2008	\$	157,917	\$	152,079	\$158,500	\$	166,500
2009	\$	163,214	\$	157,400	\$163,512	\$	172,200
2010	\$	167,037	\$	161,617	\$167,989	\$	177,000
2011	\$	166,561	\$	160,920	\$167,020	\$	176,179
2012	\$	166,025	\$	160,000	\$165,800	\$	175,013

Figure 5, Senior Executive Service (SES) Salary Trends, is a graphical representation of Table 13. Figure 5 shows the statistics have decreased since Fiscal year 2010.

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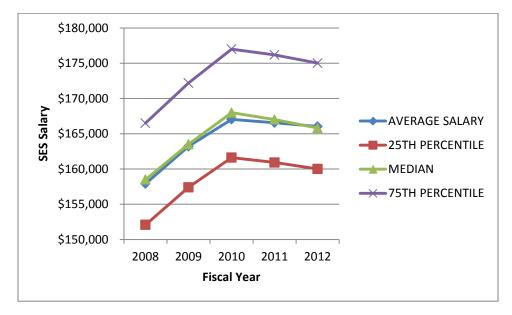


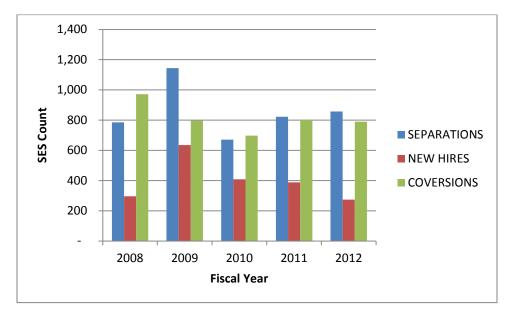
Table 14, Senior Executive Service (SES) Action Trends, provides counts of SES employees broken down by separations, new hires, and conversions, for the last five fiscal years. Separations represent all employees who left the SES at any point in a particular Fiscal Year. New hires represent all employees who joined the SES in a particular Fiscal Year. Conversions represent all employees who were converted to the SES in a particular Fiscal Year.

Table 14. Senior Executive Service (SES) Action Trends
Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012 (FY2008-FY2012)

ACTIONS	DYNAMICS	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
SEPARATIONS	QUIT	221	604	134	211	223
	DISCHARGE	4	8	6	4	5
	REDUCTION IN FORCE (RIF)	4	-	1	-	-
	MISCELLANEOUS TERMINATION	5	34	10	10	11
	RETIREMENT	538	483	509	590	606
	DEATH	9	15	8	7	12
	OTHER SEPARATION	4	-	3	-	-
NEW HIRES	NEW HIRE - COMP - TEMP/LIMITED APPT	-	3	-	-	-
	NEW HIRE - SES APPT	296	632	408	388	274
COVERSIONS	CONVERSION - EXCEPTED	1	1	-	1	1
	CONVERSION - SES	971	796	697	800	789

Figure 6, Senior Executive Service (SES) Action Trends, is a graphical representation of Table 14.

Figure 6. Senior Executive Service (SES) Action Trends
Statistics restricted to pay plan ES from Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012 (FY2008-FY2012)



Additional Details

For any data requests, the OPM produces an online data tool, FedScope, which is updated monthly: http://www.fedscope.opm.gov/. All of the tables and figures above can be replicated in FedScope, with the option for much more detail. The tool is best operated in Internet Explorer. For all other inquiries, contact Data Analysis Group (DAG) through FedStats at FedStats@opm.gov.



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